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The Honorable Ryan Zinke
Secretary
United States Department of the Interior
1849 C St NW
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Dear Secretary Zinke:

I cordially invite you to address the American Petroleum Institute's Board of Directors on Thursday, March 23, 2017, during our board meetings at the Trump International Hotel 1100 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington DC. The Board of Directors meeting is from 10am until 12:00pm. We would appreciate your remarks at 10:30am, but will work to accommodate your schedule.

API's Board of Directors is composed of 45 CEOs representing a broad spectrum of the U.S. oil and natural gas industry. This gathering of top executives offers an important opportunity to provide your views to industry leaders on the economy and energy policy as well as insights on your goals and plans for the Department.

Your appearance would mean a great deal to us. Please don't hesitate to contact me or Khary Cauthen, API's Senior Director of Federal Relations (202-682-8209 or cauthenk@api.org), with any questions.

I look forward to hearing from you, and I hope you will be able to join us on March 23.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack Gerard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jack N. Gerard

Enclosure